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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW WITH MRS. FORD

1) SHUKAN ASAHI, A WEEKLY MAGAZINE WITH CIRCULATION OF HALF MILLION, HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO MAKE OFFICIAL ITS REQUEST TO INTERVIEW MRS. BETTY FORD, ALREADY TRANSMITTED DIRECTLY TO HER PRESS SECRETARY, MRS. HELEN SMITH.

2) INTERVIEW WOULD FOCUS ON MRS. FORD'S VIEWS ON HER ROLE AS FIRST LADY, RAISING HER CHILDREN, HER HOBBIES, WHAT SHE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO DOING IN JAPAN, ETC. POLITICS WOULDNOT BE COVERED. ALSO INTERESTED IN DOING SEPARATE STORY ON RUNNING THE WHITE HOUSE AS A HOUSEHOLD, WHICH WOULD NOT NECESSARILY REQUIRE INTERVIEWING THE FIRST LADY. INTERVIEW WOULD BE CONDUCTED BY MRS. MITSUKO SHIMOMURA, A STAFF REPORTER WITH TEN YEAR'S EXPERIENCE AT ASAHI. MRS. SHIMOMURA HAS B.A. IN ECONOMICS FROM KEIO UNIV., HAS DONE GRADUATE WORK AT NEW YORK UNIV., AND SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH.

3) SHUKAN ASAHI IS AMONG MOST REPUTABLE JAPANESE MASS-CIRCULATION WEEKLINES AND REACHES WELL-EDUCATED AND INFLUENTIAL AUDIENCE. WOULD SERVE AS EXCELLENT VEHICLE FOR INTRODUCING MRS. FORD TO THE JAPANESE. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS ACCEPTANCE.

ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENTPASS EMBASSY CONCURRENCE

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